

Final News Release

Russell's Camp Fire

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Russell's Camp Fire No Growth – Fire Transitions to Type 3 Organization

Activity on the Russell's Camp Fire on Thursday was minimal. No growth of the fire occurred despite another day of hot, dry, windy conditions. Operations yesterday and today will consist of patrol and mop up status on all areas of the incident. One Type 3 helicopter will be shared with the Arapaho Fire that started yesterday. The helicopter will be available to fly missions to collect information for the BAER team and Operations.

Crews continued to be released from the fire. Most of the resources that were scheduled to leave today are being sent to the Arapaho Fire. A Type 3 Incident Management Organization will assume command of the Russell's Camp Fire at 6 p.m. today.

Islands of unburned fuel within the fire perimeter are expected to burn. People may see smoke; however none of these areas threaten containment lines.

Rocky Mountain Type 2 Incident Management Team B will manage the Arapaho Fire burning in the vicinity of Laramie Peak, in Converse and Albany Counties, until the Type 1 Incident Management Team that has been ordered arrives.

The members of the Rocky Mountain Type 2 Incident Management Team appreciate all of the understanding, cooperation and support from the communities of Glenrock, Douglas, Casper, and Glendo. We appreciate all of the support given during this incident. "As the summer moves forward please stay aware of the fire dangers in your areas. Fire danger is reaching an all time high in the Rocky Mountain Region, and as we've seen fires rapidly grow into large incidents once an ignition is made. Remember to stay safe" stated Incident Commander Todd Pechota.

All future information for this incident will be posted at www.INCIWEB.org.

Road closures are in place and closed to all recreation traffic. We ask that the public respect the need for the closures and find alternate routes of travel. Please be aware of heavy traffic related to the incident along Cold Springs Road. Road blocks will be in place on the road near the Converse County and Albany County line, County Road #62 (Little Medicine Road), and County Road#24 (Cold Springs Road) & near the bottom of Cold Springs Road.

Evacuations:

- There is no serious threat to the Fetterman Road. Residents living along this area can return to their homes/cabins. If conditions were to change voluntary evacuations will be reinstated.
- Volunteer evacuations are still in place for homes/cabins along Meadow Creek Road, and Cold Springs Road south of Meadow Creek Road. Residents who choose to evacuate their homes are asked to contact the Converse County Sheriff's Office to advise them.

Fire stats at a glance*:

** This list is as of 06/28 at 5:00 p.m. – numbers may have changed in order to support the Arapaho Fire.*

Start Date: June 17th, 2012

Containment: 80%

Cause: Under investigation/Possible Lightning

Acreage: 5,466

Personnel: 382

Crews: 8

Cooperating Agencies: Converse County, USFS, State of Wyoming

Aviation: (1) Type 3 Helicopters

Engines: 19

Dozers: 1

Water Tenders: 4

Injuries: 2 (minor heat related, knee injury)

Structures destroyed: 0

Structures/outbuildings threatened: 20

Structures damaged: 1

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